

A Rare Pamphlet (Hym., Lep., Neur.)

The Museum of Comparative Zoology has a copy of a reprint of an article which was to have been published in the Transactions of the Chicago Academy in 1870. But the big fire came and destroyed the stock, and few, possibly only this one, copy of the reprint was sent out. It is entitled "Notice of Hymenoptera and Nocturnal Lepidoptera collected in Alaska by W. H. Dall, Director Sci. Corps, W. U. T. Exp., by Dr. A. S. Packard, with a List of Neuroptera by P. R. Uhler and Dr. H. A. Hagen." Extract from Trans. Chicago Acad. Sci., vol. II, pp. 25-32, pl. 2. 1870.

In this article Packard describes *Vespa tripunctata* (p. 26), *Vespa alas-censis* (p. 27), *Phragmatobia dallii* (p. 29) and *Gastropacha alas-censis* (p. 29). Uhler describes *Perla (Nephelion) dallii* (p. 30) and Hagen *Cryptothrix insularis* (p. 31). Various described species are recorded. The plate figures *Bombus frigidus*, *B. occidentalis*, *B. flavifrons*, *B. lacustris*, *B. kirby-ellus*, *B. nivalis*, *Vespa norvegica*, *V. arenaria*, *V. tripunctata*, *V. alas-censis*, *Platartia borealis*, *Arctia caja*, and *Phragmatobia dallii*. The new species have never been recorded in any catalogue, nor the paper referred to. Whether it can be considered as "published" depends, I suppose, on the existence of other copies. The "W. U. T. Exp." is the Western Union Telegraph Co. Expedition, and it was the expedition upon which Kennicott lost his life. Reports on the birds were published the preceding year, and Scudder noted the butterflies in Proc. Bost. Soc. Nat. Hist., in 1869.—NATHAN BANKS, Museum of Comparative Zoology, Cambridge, Mass.

Synonymy of Some Species of *Thecla* (Lepid.).

The following synonymy will be of interest to Lepidopterists. The first name has priority.

- Thecla thordesca* Hew.—*zenaida* Dyar.
- " *elsa* Hew.—*primnoza* Dyar.
- " *cambes* G. & S.—*syvix* Dyar.
- " *philinna* Hew.—*greppa* Dyar.
- " *uterkudante* Dr.—*climes* Dyar.
- " *bianca* Möschl.—*ostrinus* Druce.
- " *proba* G. & S.—*climicles* Dyar.
- " *xeneta* Hew.—*devia* Möschl.
- " *atrox* Butl.—*gentilla* Schs.
- " *canus* Druce.—*bunnirae* Dyar.
- " *amphrade* Schs.—*posetta* Dyar.
- " *autoclea* Hew.—*callides* Dyar.
- " *serapio* G. & S.—*mesca* Dyar. ♀.
- " *sabinus* Fldr.—*promissa* Möschl.
- " *pan* Drury.—*tirrhaca* Möschl.
- " *tella* Schs.—*castrena* Jones. ♀.

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